

Government of India deducts 15% of the Central Plan Assistance to pay the outstanding dues of CPSUs.

The Conference of the Chief Minister held on 3.3.2001 also resolved that continued supply of power from Central Generating Stations would have to be linked to demonstration of capacity to make payments for current purchases and securitisation of past dues.

(c) Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission has not recommended sale of power by the power producers directly to the consumers.

(d) Does not arise.

Agreement signed with World Bank for loan for PGC

1885. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the World Bank have signed an agreement in June 2001 for \$ 450 million Bank loan for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. for strengthening the development power transmission system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the purpose of the loan amount;

(d) the guidelines Government have prepared for efficient utilisation of the bank loan for the specified purpose; and

(e) the extent to which various States are likely to be benefited from the said loan amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) POWERGRID has signed an agreement with World Bank on 13th June, 2001 for a loan of US\$ 450 million (PSDP-II Ln. 4603 IN). This loan has a repayment period of 15 years, excluding a grace period of 5 years, with an

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interest rate of LIBOR Base rate plus LIBOR Total Spread on the principal amount of the loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time. The projects which will be funded through this loan and the States which are likely to be benefited are as given in Statement (See below).

POWERGRID have prepared a detailed project implementation plan for the projects covered under this loan. POWERGRID has also taken advance action in this respect for effective utilisation of the loan and to complete the projects within the project time cycle. The implementation of the projects and the utilisation of funds will be regularly monitored.

Statement

Details of the projects to be funded through World Bank loan and the States likely to be benefited

Sl. No.	Details of the Project to be funded through World Bank Loan	States likely to be benefited
1	2	3
1.	East-South Interconnector-II Project (Talcher-II Transmission System) for evacuation of power from Talcher-II Thermal Power Station (2000 MW) of NTPC in Orissa.	All States in Southern Region
2.	East-North Interconnector-I Project (Sasaram HVDC back to back Project) for transfer of surplus power in Eastern Region to Northern Region.	All States in Northern Region.
3.	System Coordination and Control Projects in Eastern and Western Regions for improving quality of power supply through better control of frequency and voltage parameters, improving system security and minimizing grid disturbances and equipment damages arising out of abnormal system conditions.	All the States of Eastern and Western Regions.
4.	POWERGRID's project for diversification into Telecom business by establishment of a Backbone Telecommunication Network.	The project will help in meeting India's rapidly growing telecommunication needs.

1	2	3
5.	Balance of projects under earlier World Bank loans (No. 3577-IN and No. 3237-IN)	All the States in Northern, Western and Southern Regions.

Simhadri Power Project in A.P.

1886. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of NTPC's Simhadri Power Project in Andhra Pradesh and by when it will commence generating power for Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the measures being contemplated by Government to improve power situation in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Work at Simhadri Power Project (2×500 MW), Andhra Pradesh of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is progressing as per schedule. The 1st and 2nd units are scheduled to be commissioned in March, 2002 and December, 2002 respectively.

(b) The following new power projects have been cleared by Central Electricity Authority/State Government to improve the power situation in Andhra Pradesh:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Implementing Agency	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4
A. CEA CLEARED PROJECTS—Thermal			
1.	Rayalseema TPS St. II	APGENCO	2×210
2.	Vemagiri CCGT	Vemagiri Power Gen. Ltd.	492
3.	Krishnapatnam 'B' TPS	BBI Krishnapatnam Power Ltd.	2×260
4.	Ramagundam TPS	BPL Power Projects AP Ltd.	2×260
5.	Visakhapatnam TPS	Hinduja National Power Corp. Ltd.	2×520
6.	Ramagundam TPS St. III	NTPC	1×500